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INFO AMEMBASSY PANAMA

AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (ADDED TEXT)

FOR ARA/MGT/FM ATTN: GEORGE J KRIEGER JR

STATE FOR A/SY/FO (DALTON); PANAMA FOR MSG CO CO "D" AND RSS;
CARACAS FOR DEA

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: ASEC CO

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL MSG POST

1. THE BOGOTA OFFICE OF THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA) PLANS TO MOVE TO NEW OFFICE SPACE IN APPROX SEPT 1975. THE BUILDING WHICH WILL HOUSE THEIR OPERATION IS LOCATED ONE BLOCK NORTH OF THE CHANCERY. THEY WILL BE PHYSICALLY LOCATED ON THE NINETEENTH FLOOR OF A MODERN HIGHRISE OFFICE BUILDING.

2. ON JUNE 25, 75, MR JOHN MERRELL, ADMIN OFFICER REGION 18 DEA AMERICAN EMBASSY CARACAS, ADVISED THAT A REQUIREMENT EXISTS FOR MSG COVERAGE AT THE NEW LOCATION. MERRELL REQUESTED 14-HOUR PER DAY COVERAGE (1800-0800) DURING WORK DAYS AND 24-HR COVERAGE ON WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS. ACCORDING MY CALCULATIONS THE T.O. FOR THE BOGOTA MSG DETACHMENT WILL HAVE TO BE INCREASED FROM NINE TO TWELVE WATCHSTANDERS. MSG'S ON THIS POST WILL BE DRESSED IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES AND A .38 CALIBER REVOLVER AND 12
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GUAGE RIOT SHOTGUN WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THEM. MERRELL ADVISED

THAT DEA WILL ABSORB ALL COSTS CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF THIS POST. REQUEST YOU MAKE PLANS TO ESTABLISH THIS NEW POST.

3. THE PRESENT MARINE HOUSE CAN PHYSICALLY ACCOMMODATE THE ASSIGNMENT OF THREE ADDITIONAL MSG'S. HOWEVER, SOME ELECTRICAL REWIRING AND PLUMBING WORK MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED TO PROPERLY HOUSE A DETACHMENT OF 12 VERSUS 9 WATCHSTANDERS. I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH THE GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER AND SOME FUNDS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR FY 76 TO ACCOMPLISH MANY OF THESE PROJECTS. DEA HAS ALSO INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO HELP DEFRAY SOME OF THE COSTS INVOLVED.

4. NO CHANGE CONCERNING THE MSG STATUS RE IMMUNITIES IS ANTICIPATED DUE TO THE CREATION OF THIS NEW POST.
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